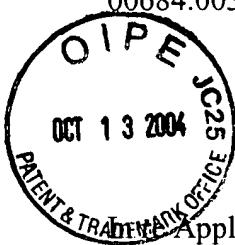


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FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed Office Action from the Australian Patent Office dated September 15, 2004, which was issued in a foreign counterpart application.

Applicants note that the documents cited in the Australian Office Action, namely, U.S. Patent No. 4,593,295 and EP 0 955 174, are already of record in the subject application. Accordingly, those documents are not cited in this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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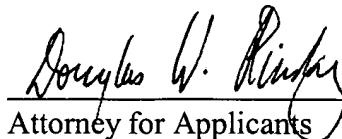
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), since a first Office Action has not issued in the subject application after filing of the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 on September 23, 2004, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a written acknowledgment be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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